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(54) **Post ball bearing and method of manufacture**

(57) A post bearing (10) and method of manufacture in which bearing balls (14) are loaded into a series of pocket holes (16) arranged along a helical pattern in a

sleeve cage (12). A single groove (26) is swaged into the outside diameter of the sleeve intermediate the ball turns to capture the balls in the pocket holes.

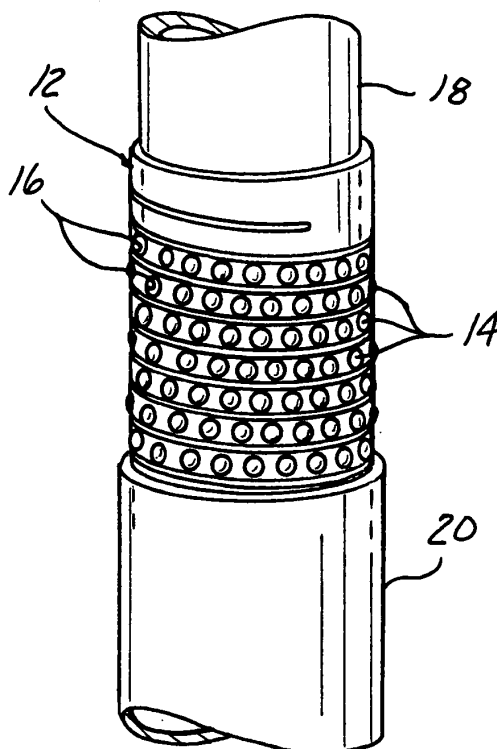


FIG. 1

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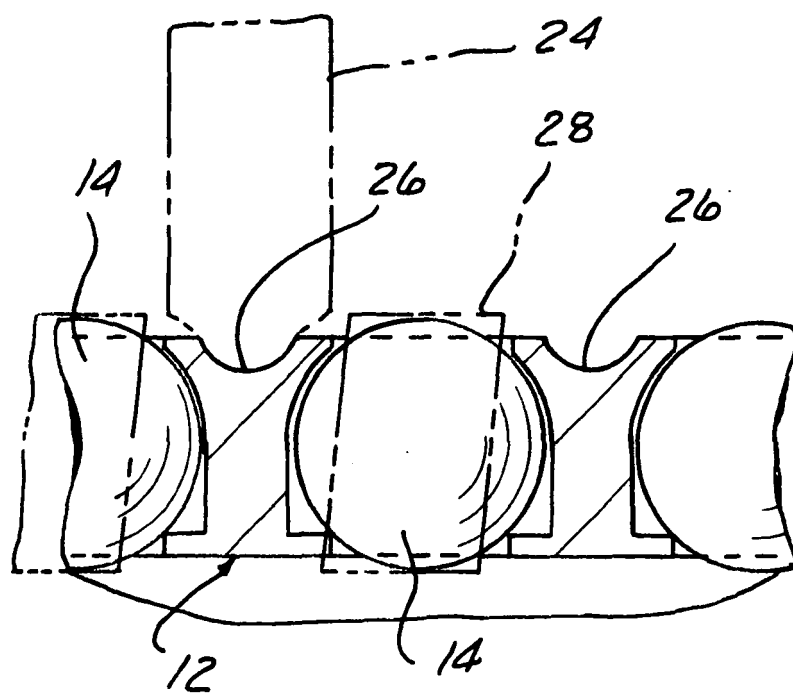


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